

**OPINION 2108 (Case 3260)*****Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; Arachnida, Amblypygi): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the widely used specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) is conserved by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886, that has been used doubtfully only once.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Amblypygi; PHRYNICHIDAE; *Damon*; *Damon johnstonii*; whip spiders.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *johnstonii* Pocock, 1894, as published in the binomen *Titanodamon johnstonii* (specific name of the type species of *Titanodamon* Pocock, 1894) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3260**

An application to conserve the specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886 was received from Peter Weygoldt (*Institut für Biologie I, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, D-79104 Freiburg, Germany*) on 10 December 2002. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **60**: 188–190 (September 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **60**: 189. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 16 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no votes were received from Böhme and Martins de Souza.

Voting against, Alonso-Zarazaga and Bouchet noted that the names involved had been little used and considered that priority should be maintained.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*australis*, *Damon*, Simon, 1886, *Bulletin de la Société zoologique de France*, **11**: 575–576.  
*johnstonii*, *Titanodamon*, Pocock, 1894, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)**14**: 291–292.